The contingency plans of Department of Animal Husbandry and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare were put into operation immediately on notification of Avian Flu. These actions included declaration of infected area of 0-3 Kms. and surveillance areas upto 10 Kms. from the infected village respectively, culling of affected poultry in these areas followed by proper disposal and burial of the dead birds.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India deputed its Rapid Response Teams to the effected areas to assist the State health authorities in carrying out active house to house surveillance to identify suspected cases among human contacts of infected poultry. All those reported to have symptoms of even upper respiratory tract infections and fever were isolated and kept under observation following strict infection control practices. For such purpose hospitals were identified near the affected area and strengthened in terms of creation of isolation ward and critical care support.

Adequate quantity of Oseltamivir and personal protective equipments were made available to the affected States.

Till date no human cases of Avian Flu has been reported.

Department of Animal Husbandry is conducting active surveillance in an axis of 200 Kms. in and around the effected areas. Since reporting of the last case on 18.4.2006 no fresh case of bird flu has been detected from the samples so far tested. Ministry of Environment and Forests is also keeping a strict vigil on wild life sanctuaries.

The coordinated action taken by the concerned Ministries/Departments and the State Governments has brought the situation under control. The situation is being closely monitored by the Government.

Spreading of Chikungunya disease in various States

3753. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a dengue like fever-Chikungunya has again surfaced in some parts of the country namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra during the period December, 2005 to February, 2006;

(b) if so, the number of persons reported to have been affected by the disease so far, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Central and the respective State Governments to provide effective treatments to those who have suffered; and

(d) the Central assistance in term of medicines and know-how made available to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India is aware about spread of Chikungunya in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The high incidence of fever cases with Arthralgia were reported from 15 districts of Andhra Pradesh, 17 districts of Karnataka and 15 districts of Maharashtra and 9 districts of Tamil Nadu. State-wise distribution of suspected Chikungunya fever is indicated below:—

State	No. of districts affected	No of suspected Chikungunya fever cases	No of deaths
Andhra Pradesh	15	26864	0
Karnataka	17	107740	0
Maharashtra	15	34725	0
Tamil Nadu	9	1949	0

(c) and (d) The Government of India has taken following steps to contain the spread of Chikungunya:

(i) Deputed teams consisting of epidemiologist, public health specialists, microbiologist and entomologists for assessment of the situation and provided technical assistance to the States for technical support and guidance, (ii) Disseminated a comprehensive technical guidelines to States regarding preventive and promotive measures to contain the spread of Chikunguniya, diagnosis & symptomatic treatment of Chikunguniya fever, (iii) Commodity support: The States have been provided the larvicides and Pyrethrum Extract 2% for fogging.

States	Temephos	Pyrethrum Extt.
Andhra Pradesh	1200 Litres	1500 Litres
Karnataka	500 Litres	1000 Litres
Maharashtra	2000 Litres	1950 Litres